



**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Planning Commission
Pawlet Town Office
Pawlet, VT
Monday, August 22, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

Members Attending:

**Paul Elsholz
Mark Frost
Melissa LaCount
Eric Mach
Harry Van Meter**

Members Absent:

**Wayne Clarke
Gary Baierlein**

Others Attending:

**Frank Nelson, West Pawlet
Rik Sassa, West Pawlet**

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Item 1: Meeting Agenda

Paul wanted to insert an announcement into the agenda.

The agenda was modified as follows: 1) approve agenda 2) approve the minutes 3) Paul's Announcement 4) public comments 5) Zoning Administrator's report 6) zoning district review

Melissa made a motion to approve the modified meeting agenda; Wayne seconded; motion passed.

Item 2: Minutes of July 25, 2016 Meeting

Melissa pointed out the adjournment time in the draft copy was incorrect. It should be 9:00.

Paul moved to approve the corrected minutes; Melissa seconded; motion passed.

Item 3: Paul's Announcement

Paul said that he was moving to East Dorset and thought it would be inappropriate for him to vote on issues in Pawlet. At the conclusion of this meeting, he will resign as a voting member of the Planning Commission, but would be willing to remain as clerk. Rik Sassa has lived in the area for more than thirty years. Paul said that because of his long-term commitment to the Pawlet community, Rik would be an excellent choice to fill the vacancy.

Item 4: Public Comments

No public comments.

Item 5: Zoning Administrator's reports

The zoning administrator had not activity to report.

Item 6: Zoning District Review

The Commission studied a zoning district map of Pawlet to consider changes. It was decided that three changes would be beneficial to the town.

- 1) A strip of industrial zone in the northwestern corner of the town was extended to the New York State border.
- 2) The village zone in West Pawlet was expanded towards the east.
- 3) The village zone in Pawlet was extended south and east--roughly parallel with routes 30 and 133.

Harry motioned for the Planning Commission to accept these proposed changes. Melissa seconded; motion passed unanimously. Note that these changes will not take effect until after public review and select board approval.

Item 7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is the regular monthly meeting scheduled for September 26, 2016.

The agenda is: 1) approve agenda 2) approve the minutes 3) public comments 4) Zoning Administrator's report 5) Review final draft of bylaws for public warning.

Paul moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM, Harry seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Elsholz